



Wilma A. Henderson

February 1, 1933 - October 20, 2025

Wilma A. Henderson, 92, of Kearney passed peacefully to heaven at 4:04 a.m. Monday, October 20, 2025 at her home surrounded by family. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, October 27, 2025 at the Kearney E-Free Church with Pastor Tim Petersen officiating. A private family inurnment will be held at Keene Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 26, 2025 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Wilma Ann Henderson was born in Denver, CO on February 1, 1933 to Dorsey Polen Marting and Mildred Velcein Marting. She had an older brother, Fredric, and sister, Mildred. Her parents were divorced when she was 10. Her father married Dorila from Peru. After many years her mother married Lawrence Kowalezyk. Wilma grew up mostly in the Denver area. While in high school, she came to know and accept Jesus Christ as her Savior.

She was united in marriage to William Allen Henderson on February 3, 1951. Five children were born to this union, Kathleen, Karen, Stephen, Susan, and Richard. Wilma was a stay-at-home mom during their growing up years.

They lived in Chicago, Illinois for four years while Bill attended Moody Bible Institute, then returned to Colorado for three years, before moving to Kearney, Nebraska in August 1961.

Wilma was a long time member of the Kearney Evangelical Free Church.

In 1970 she became the secretary at Park Elementary School in Kearney which she enjoyed very much. She retired in 1994 to become Bill's unofficial secretary serving the Keene Evangelical Free church near Axtell, NE for the next six years.

In 1999 Wilma and Bill joined RVICS, Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service. They took their fifth wheel RV to various volunteer projects in many different states across the nation for the next nine years, a very rewarding and enjoyable time. Then Wilma volunteered at Good Samaritan Hospital in the surgery waiting area.

Wilma enjoyed camping, traveling, sightseeing and bowling. She loved her family dearly and would travel many miles to share in their activities and special occasions.

Left to cherish her memory are her children and spouses, Kathy and John Storms of OKC, OK, Karen and Bill Amstuz of Cedar Rapids, IA, Steve and Phyllis Henderson of Flat Rock, MI, Susan and Sam Gullion of Louisville, KY, Rick and Pam Henderson of Kearney, NE; 13 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; step-mother, Dorila Marting.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill Henderson; brother, Fred ; sister, Mildred Tucker; and step-father, Larry Kowalczyk.

Cemetery Details

Keene Evangelical Free Cemetery

Keene, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kearney E-Free Church
4010 7th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845
<http://www.kearneyefree.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Wilma was such a nice person. She and I worked at Park School together and she was so caring to all the children & staff there. She will be missed by many!* ”

Cindy Rademacher - October 23, 2025 at 11:16 PM

CJ

“ *Mrs. Henderson was so kind to the children at Park Elementary-- she was truly a caring person.* ”

Chelsea Jensen - October 23, 2025 at 09:57 AM

AC

“ *AuntVirginia & all of us Marting cousins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wilma A. Henderson.* ”



AuntVirginia & all of us Marting cousins - October 22, 2025 at 10:24 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Wilma A. Henderson.* ”



October 21, 2025 at 10:46 PM

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“ Tom and Regina McCann, Tammy and Tara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilma A. Henderson.

Tom and Regina McCann, Tammy and Tara - October 21, 2025 at 10:46 PM

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“ Wilma was a Godly woman and a great example of a discipline. Her and Bill were leaders of a Bible Study my husband and I attended thru Efree Church. May she rest in peace.

Patricia J Pennington - October 21, 2025 at 09:31 AM